



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 28, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 28, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Erminia Ramirez
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee
DC Jamie Fields
2nd DC James Tate
Cmdr. Jeffrey Romeo
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Darwin Roche
Lt. Darryl Brown
Lt. Timothy Leach
Sgt. Nancy Munford
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Kim Bennett
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Benjamin Koyton

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Edward Moore
Tom Stidham

Greg Redel
George Washington
Paul Freel

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, August 28, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, August 21, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

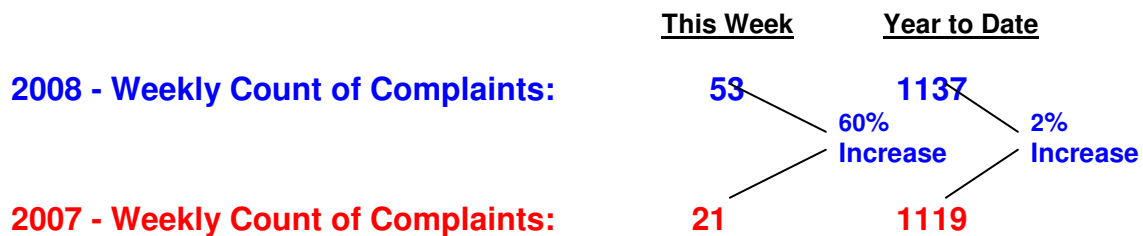
2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Monday, September 1, 2008, in observance of Labor Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,167** active investigations, of which **891** of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 08/28/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
5	COMMUNICATIONS		3							3	6
10	EASTERN		5	3			4			2	14
1	EXEC PROTECT									1	1
3	NARCOTICS		1	1			2				4
3	NORTHEASTERN		2				1			2	5
12	NORTHWESTERN		8	1			6			2	17
4	SOUTHWESTERN		4				1			1	6
13	Unknown Command		4	4			7			5	20
1	VIOLENT CRIMES		1								1
1	WESTERN						1				1
53			28	9			22			16	75

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Homicide

On August 17th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of Chene and Lafayette regarding a “Shooting.” Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Homicide, the subject was arrested and charged with “1st Degree Murder” “Felon in Possession,” “Felony Firearm,” and “Habitual Offender 2nd.

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, September 4, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien st.
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
		7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

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Eastern District

On August 21st, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 9000 block of Wayburn on "Shots Fired into a Home." As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Copyright Violation," "Possession of Heroin," "Possession of Federal Transaction Device," "Forgery," "Felony Firearm," "Possession of Marijuana," and "Utility Fraud."



Southwestern District

On August 19th, while on patrol in the 7000 block of Clayton, officers of the Southwestern District were notified of a "Breaking & Entering" that just occurred. As a result of the officers' quick actions, the subject was arrested and charged with "Larceny from a Business." Property was confiscated.



Western District

On August 20th, while on patrol in the area of Fennell and Schaefer, officers of the Western District investigated a driver for a traffic violation. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," and "Motor Vehicle Advisory."



Central District

On August 20th, officers of the Central District responded to the 3000 block of West Grand Blvd. on a "Hold Up" at a bank. As a result of the officers' quick actions, a subject was arrested and charged with "Bank Robbery," and "Habitual 4th."



Chief Bully-Cummings introduced Lt. Brown of Gang Squad.

Lt. Brown introduced his staff and gave a brief overview of Gang Squad and its initiatives.

SEE ATTACHMENTS

Comm. Ramirez asked for a copy of the survey regarding the 97 percent client satisfactory rate.

Lt. Brown stated it wasn't a survey, just telephone feedback from the citizens who came into their office for service.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated Gang Enforcement is housed in a sub-station where citizens can come in and fill out a report. Gang Enforcement went a step further to see if the citizens were being helped properly by doing a callback.

Chairperson Holley stated that is fine, but there should be some data kept for something like this.

Lt. Brown stated okay.

Comm. Ramirez stated the Board wants to know about the 3 percent who were not satisfied.

Chairperson Holley stated by having some data, he can brag about how well Gang Enforcement is doing when it comes to customer service.

Comm. Ramirez stated they are concerned about what the 3% had to say.

Lt. Brown stated from a leadership standpoint, he wanted to know if the customers were being serviced properly.

Chairperson Holley stated that's was a wonderful idea. He asked how many gangs are there in Detroit.

Chief Bully-Cummings asked Lt. Brown to explain to the Board what constitutes as a gang.

Chairperson Holley stated back in the day most gangs were well known and is it still the same.

Lt. Brown stated there are no gangs like the gangs of the seventies. Gang Squad is the only entity that can identify a group of people as a gang. You either have to admit you are in a gang or there needs to be other parameters that would allow them to say that it's a gang.

Chairperson Holley stated you must be doing a very good job because you don't hear about gang activities that much.

Comm. Griffin stated when an entity states they have a 97 percent satisfactory rate, they are obligated to present to this Board what constitutes that. Some questions should have been asked to support that satisfactory rate. To help improve that, you should also list some areas that you need to work on.

He asked is there something in place that says your units do not want to talk about gang structure because it could promote prestige. Over the past year, there has been an increase in gang graffiti.

Lt. Brown stated most of the so-called gangs are associated with the street that they live on or the neighborhood in which they live.

Comm. Ramirez asked what kind of collaborations does Gang Squad have with the community.

Lt. Brown stated they have the G.R.E.A.T. Program (Gang Resistance Education and Training) and Project Satisfaction.

Comm. Ramirez asked what age group is it for.

Lt. Brown stated it is for middle school students.

Comm. Ramirez asked what other areas is Gang Squad used for.

Lt. Brown stated they are a "strike force unit" and are used for many situations.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT “EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN FOCUS AND FOCUS CITY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY EFFORTS” GRANT FROM THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH GROUP

The Wayne State University Transportation Research Group (WSU-TRG) has awarded the Detroit Police Department (DPD) **\$9,517.89, with no cash match**. This funding will cover the Detroit Police Department’s involvement in two pilot enforcement programs, entitled “Share the Road” and “Traveling Trashed is Trouble (3T)”, which will begin July 28, 2008.

Detroit Police Department personnel will assist WSU-TRG in contacting the management of bars and liquor stores and aid in the distribution and collection of posters, flyers, and surveys at the selected establishments. Additionally, DPD will conduct targeted enforcement of drunk driving zone and provide informational materials to pedestrians at and near the designated establishments.

If approval is granted to accept this funding, Lieutenant Terry Herbert, of Police Community Services, will serve as the project director. The appropriation number for this grant is 12751.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting the acceptance of these funds.

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. CMDR. ROMEO - DIRECTIVES:

DIRECTIVE 305.1- DETAINEE INTAKE/ASSEMENT
DIRECTIVE 401.1- PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Cmdr. Romeo gave a brief overview of the changes the department made to the above directives to address the Management Awareness System, and to comply with the Consent Decrees.

DIRECTIVE 401.1- PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Comm. Ramirez asked Cmdr. Romeo how long will he be doing the review.

Cmdr. Romeo stated for about six months.

AC Godbee stated they met with the Monitor and wanted to see if the department was accurate in accessing Civil Rights integrity under their performance evaluation rating.

Comm. Ramirez asked who is designated as a supervisor.

Cmdr. Romeo stated Sergeants and above.

Comm. Ramirez stated in some of the paragraphs, you keep showing the title Inspectors. There are no more inspectors.

Cmdr. Romeo stated there are a few left.

Comm. Ramirez asked how many are there.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated four (4).

Comm. Ramirez stated so you still have to keep Inspector in there.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes, that was an order from the court.

DIRECTIVE 305.1- DETAINEE INTAKE/ASSEMENT

Chairperson Holley asked the Board if they would like to have a second look at this and bring it back later.

Comm. Ramirez asked did the court state that the word "precinct" had to be used.

Cmdr. Romeo stated no, it shouldn't have been in there.

Chairperson Holley stated the Board's concern is there needs to be a public hearing regarding these changes.

Cmdr. Romeo stated literature has been distributed to the districts.

Chairperson Holley asked is this an action item or an information item.

Exec Dir. Goss stated an information item, there has to be a two-week period before it can be brought back for action.

Chairperson Holley stated he wanted to make sure the Board has enough time to review the information and to bring it back in a couple of weeks.

Cmdr. Romeo stated he is doing a presentation in two weeks.

Chairperson Holley stated that's great and the public can respond to it.

Comm. Griffin asked were the changes discussed with the Monitors.

Cmdr. Romeo stated yes.

Chairperson Holley asked the Chief if she could have someone from her staff to help identify grants for the Board.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated certainly, and asked who will be the contact person.

Chairperson Holley stated they can contact him.

Chief Bully-Cummings asked AC Godbee to speak on the status of the RFP.

AC Godbee stated the department has asked purchasing to suspend the RFP indefinitely.

Comm. Ramirez asked has there been a meeting with the towers regarding the Grand Prix.

AC Godbee stated yes.

Comm. Ramirez asked were their concerns answered.

AC Godbee stated yes.

Comm. Ramirez stated the Board was caught off guard when some towers mentioned there was a special arrangement being made and the rotation list wasn't being used.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department was not trying to inconvenience the citizens who vehicles were towed. There was a designated area and the citizens would be shuttled to that area to pick up their vehicle (s).

Chairperson Holley stated his concerns are that the towers aren't happy and this has been going on for a long time. His other concern is about the towers who don't have a lawyer to represent them. He wants to make sure that no one is left out.

AC Godbee stated during the first meeting which was attended by Comm. Ramirez, all authorized towers for the city were present and they will continue to be invited.

Chairperson Holley stated that will be great.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated in regards to the Auditor's General report, something has to be done because the department doesn't have the man power to monitor the process.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 4, 2008
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

G. Redel stated that he wants to work with the department and not against it.

P. Freel stated he had an incident five weeks ago with an off duty police officer who was working at CVS. He called 911 and didn't get a response and waved down a police car and the on duty officer told him he wouldn't touch it with a ten foot pole.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated someone will get his information because this is an Internal Affairs issue. Contractually the officers have a right to work while they are off duty.

Chairperson Holley stated that the Chief will have someone to speak with you.

E. Moore wished everyone a safe holiday and stated that Council member Kwame Kenyetta's door is always open.

R. Scott stated he has several issues he would like to raise, such as secondary employment, Gang Squad members with no name tags showing and several other issues regarding Gang Squad in which he had to supercede.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated this isn't considered secondary employment. The secondary employment proposal has never been approved.

AC Dunlap stated all DPD squad cars have an X-plate and any citizen that is confronted should get the license plate and let the officer do their job, and not to interfere.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb